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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- o The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- o To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- o **The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.**

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In re the application of: Jan Eirik Ellingsen, *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/010,140

Filed: December 6, 2001

For: MEDICAL PROSTHETIC DEVICES AND IMPLANTS
HAVING IMPROVED BIOCOMPATIBILITY

Attorney Docket No.: PVZ-003

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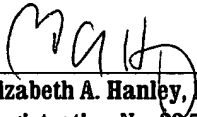
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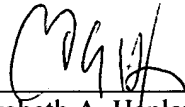
RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated January 7, 2002, Applicant's attorney submits herewith the executed Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney for Patent Application for the above-identified patent application. A check in the amount of \$65.00 is enclosed to cover the surcharge based on small entity status. A request for the appropriate extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. A copy of the Formalities Letter is also enclosed.

Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed.

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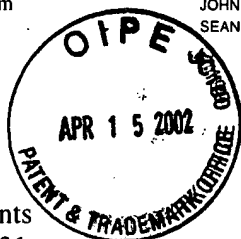
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Title: *Medical Prosthetic Devices and Implants
Having Improved Biocompatibility*
Inventors: Ellingsen, *et al.*
Filing Date: December 6, 2001
Attorney Docket No. PVZ-003

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application;
2. Executed Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney;
3. Request for One-Month Extension of Time (in duplicate);
4. Copy the Formalities Letter;
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6. Check in the amount of \$55.00 for extension of time fee; and
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